

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

A new abstract consisting of a single paragraph is added in response to the objection noted in paragraph 1 of the Office Action.

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action contains an objection to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the EL display panel recited in claim 8. One example of the EL display panel according to the invention is shown in Figure 75 having a plurality of pixels 16B, 16G and 16R arranged in rows and columns. It is respectfully submitted at least Figure 75 supports the subject matter of claim 8 reciting an EL display panel having more than one pixel row and more than one pixel column.

Regarding the objection to claim 11 noted in the paragraph 3 of the Office action, please refer to amended claim 11 in the Third Preliminary Amendment filed December 19, 2005 where the repeated language in claim 11 was deleted.

Claims 1-15 are in the present application and stand rejected 35 USC §102 (e) over US 2005/0057580 (Yamano et al).

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection under 35 USC §102 (e) since Yamano et al. is based upon PCT Application PCT/JP02/09668 which was published in Japanese as WO03/027998. Thus, Yamano et al. is not entitled to a 35 USC §102 (e) date based upon the PCT filing date and it is not prior art to the present application under §102 (e). Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-15 based on Yamano et al. is respectfully requested.

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It is respectfully submitted that the present application is patentable over the cited prior art reference and a favorable decision to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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